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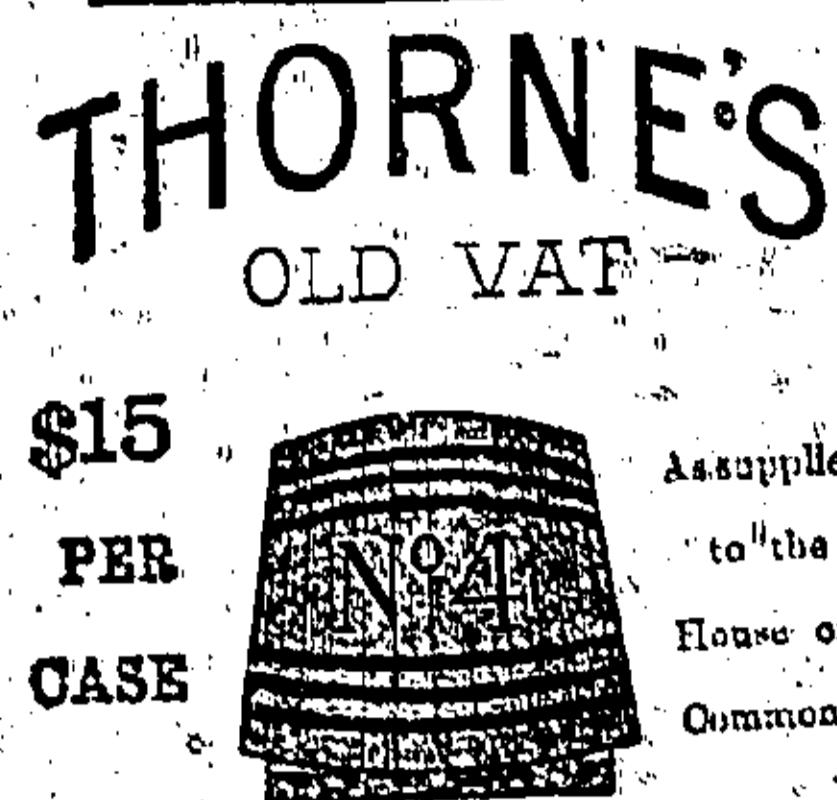
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THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Concerted Action Pending.

The following letter has been received by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce from the Tientsin Chamber:

I have the honour to invite the co-operation of your Chamber on the currency question, which is a matter of vital interest to all the commercial communities in China. The question has again been brought vividly before this Chamber by the wholesale depreciation of the local currency, and matters have reached an impasse. In inviting your co-operation you will perhaps allow me to explain in some detail the present situation of the local currency.

The fineness of the local Hongkong Hua Pao silver is supposed to be 99%, and the coins are 95% stamped, but no control has for some time been exercised over the melting shops, and the touch of deterioration is becoming evident.

February 1908 the Commissioner of Customs issued a notification (vide p. 49/50 of our 1908 Year Book) that owing to the deterioration of silver an extra 2 per cent would be imposed on all duties. It was not until September 1908, after much agitation, that this illegal charge was done away with, but we were unable to induce the Chinese Authorities to acknowledge their liability for the currency in spite of the fact that all melting shops were required to hold licences from them. Since that date a so-called melting fee of 3% has been charged on all duties, and we have, up to the present, been unable to secure the abolition of this imposition.

No steps have been taken to recall the debased silver, nor efficiently control the issue of new silver. A proclamation was issued by the Huihuan Tao in March 1908, (vide p. 142 of our 1908 Year Book), which ordered the melting shops to issue silver of 99% fineness, but this proclamation has been a dead letter. The position then is this, that the former currency of debased silver, lower than 99%, which formed the currency of the port, has been demonetised and that the new has been demonetised and that no effective steps have been taken to replace same by another currency. This has led to a state of confusion in all financial transactions to the detriment of trade. Things have reached such a pass that a payment of Tls. 1,000,000 recently required to be made on Chinese Government account to one of the banks could not be made owing to their having no silver of the requisite fineness.

On 18th instant, a special meeting of members of this Chamber was held, and a long resolution was adopted demanding that the debased silver shall be recalled, replaced and remelted, and that an efficient control of all silver melted in future should be maintained. I have the honour to send you under separate cover copies of the correspondence, and of the minutes of the meeting referred to.

The Committee was instructed to invite the co-operation of the other Chambers in China, and I feel confident in laying the facts before your Committee that they will welcome the opportunity to co-operate with us in urging the Diplomatic Corps in Peking to insist on the long promised reform of the currency being carried into effect. There is a strong feeling in this Chamber that we can go on writing despatches interminably without producing any effect, and, as one speaker pointed out at our recent meeting, the foreign community have a very powerful lever in the payments they make to the Customs. If our united representations again bear no fruit, it might be worth considering whether combined action of all the Chambers in the manner indicated would be advisable.

The minutes, which I am forwarding to you, will I think, give an idea of the serious financial situation here, and as the agent of one of the banks pointed out, the present point may be reached at any moment. I feel confident in laying the facts before your Chamber that we shall have your full support in another united endeavour to secure the long promised currency reform. We are communicating in the above sense with the Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai, Hankow, Nanking, London, and Manchester, and I feel hopeful that if we unite in taking firm action we shall be able, under the new Chinese regime, to secure the desired reform.

After acknowledging the letter, the Hongkong Chamber replied as follows:

I have now the honour to reply to your letter dated 25th June, 1908, on the question of Currency Reform in China.

My Committee are fully prepared, as they have always been, to take part in any concerted action, laying, if necessary, the improvement of the present currency system to you. Your resolution, 16, is presented to that the present endeavour will take the form of a joint memorial, and my Committee will be glad to receive a draft of it in due course.

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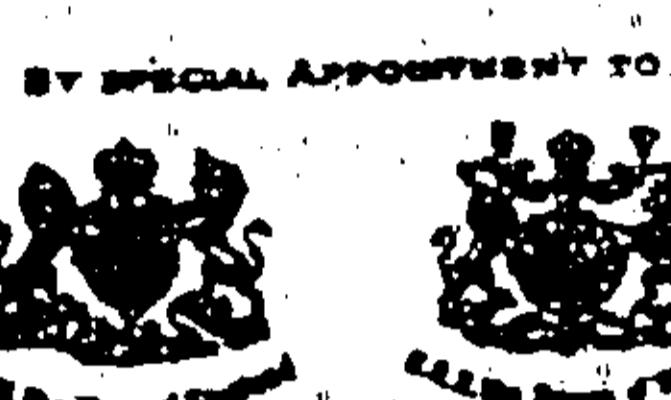
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A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the

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" Green" —Sang Hop Tso	8	
Water Melon—(Am.) Kum San Sal Kwa	3	
" (China) Sal Kwa	2	
Grate—Sang Po Tai Tsu	24	
Vegetables, &c.		
Artichokes, Shanghai—Shenng Hui Ah	—	
Chi Cheek	—	
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Ts	—	
" (French), Shanghai—Shoung Hui	—	
Pin Tau	—	
Sprout—Ah Choi	2	
" long—Tin Kok	7	
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tsu	each 10	
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yuen Pe	15	
" Red—Hung Kar	4	
Cabbage, Chinese, com—Kai Choy	4	
Cabbage Red—Hung Yeh Choy	18	
Cabbage (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi	18	
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	—	
Calliflower, Large size—Tal Yek Choi	each	
" Medium size—Cheung Yeh Choi	—	
" Small size—Sat Yeh Choi	—	
Carrots—Kam Shun	18	
Celeri, (Chinese)—Tong Kan Choi	5	
" English—Yung	5	
Chillies Dried—Con Lat Choi	5	
" Red—Hung Fa	5	
" Green—Ching Lat Choi	5	
Carry Staff, English—Fa Lee Choi	5	
Cucumber—Ong Kwa	5	
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	5	
Garlic—Sun Tso	5	
Ungar, young—Sun Tso Keung	5	
" old—Lo Keung	5	
Horn Radish, Shui—Lik Kap	5	
Indian Corn—Sal Mal	5	
Lettuce—Young Sang Choi	1	
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tui	7	
" Mandarin—Kwoi Lum Ma Tui	45	
Mushrooms, fresh—Sung Cho Kho	45	
Musk Melon—(Am.) Kan San Hong Kwa	—	
Oakrots	8	
Onions, Bombay—Young Chong Tsu	8	
" Green—Sang Chong	8	
Shanghai—Sheung Hui Chong Tsu	5	
Papaw, 1st qual.—Tin Man Sau Kwa	15	
" 2nd " —Chung	10	
Parsley—Kun Choi	per b	\$1.20
Green Peas—Ching Tat	—	
Potatoes Sweet—Fan Shu	3	
" Shanghai—Ssung Hui Shu Tsu	3	
" Japan—Yut Poon Shu Tsu	4	
" American—Fa Ki	4	
Foochow—Fok Chua Shu Tsu	4	
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	—	
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsu	—	
Rhubarb (Flesh)—Tal Wong	—	
Sage—Chi So	bund	
Saloots—Con Chong Tsu	7	
Spinach—Yin Choi	4	
Tomatoes—Fan Kui	4	
Taro—Wo Tso	3	
Turnips, Punti, (Hong)—Low Pak	4	
" English—Young Low Pak	4	
Vegetable Marrow—Ohi Kwa	3	
" (Am.)—Kum San Ohi Kwa	3	
Water Cresses—Sal Young Choi	8	
" Lilyroot—Lin Ngai	2	
Yams—Ta She	4	
Salmon—Ma Yu	52	
Bream—Bin Yu	16	
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hot Sin Ya	17	
Carp—Li Yu	22	
Catfish—Chik Yo	20	
Codfish—Mon Yu	18	
Crabs—Hal	24	
Crab Fish—Muk Yu	16	
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	18	
Dace—Wong Mol Lun	14	
Dog Fish—Tin Tu Sa	10	
Eels, Congor—Hal Manc	18	
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Frogs—Tien Kai	36	
Gourp—Sek Pan	52	
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	12	
Herring—Tso Pak	18	
Hilbert—Cheong Kwan Ki	32	
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	20	
Loach—Wu Yu	32	
Lobster—Lung Ha	40	
Mackerel—Chi Yu	13	
Milk Fish—Mong Yu	22	
Mullet—Chi Yu	28	
Oysters—Sang Hoo	24	
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Ya	20	
Perch—Tau Eoo	18	
Pike—Fa Paw Poong	10	
Plaice—Pan Ya	22	
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	28	
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	40	
Prawn—Hing Bi	56	
Ray—Pai Fa	10	
Rock Fish—Sek Kya Kyng	18	
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ANTUNG AND MUKDEN RAILWAY STATEMENTS.

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stances under which it was built. It was originally a purely military line, hastily laid down during the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-5 and to avoid the construction of tunnels and bridges, for which there was no time, the line was given a wide detour, involving many steep gradients and short and sharp curves. Owing to these defects there is naturally frequent danger of derailment. The hauling capacity of the locomotives is very small, three or four cars constituting a maximum train, and in some portions of the line where the grades are steep, trains have to be divided into two or more separate hauls. The speed capacity of the engines is also necessarily very low, while travel on the line by night is impracticable. Transit between Antung and Mukden requires two full days.

The war being over and peace declared, Japan was anxious to remedy the defects in the railway and to convert it into a line suitable for the exigencies of commerce. For this purpose Count Komura, in negotiating the treaty of Peking—which followed as a natural sequel to the treaty of Portsmouth—had inserted a stipulation providing for the improvement of the line. The improvements which Japan considers must be made she sets forth plainly and at length. The statement reads:—"Improvements which are absolutely essential include the building of bridges, boring of tunnels, straightening and grading of the line, and the changing of the gauge similar to the Korean and South Manchurian Railway systems. With these improvements the distance will be shortened, time of transit between Antung and Mukden reduced from two full days to eight or nine hours and the general efficiency of the line will be established. Without them the Railway will remain as at present entirely useless for commercial purposes."

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China's answer to this exposition of Japan's position is that she has no objection to the change of gauge if the gauge of the Peking-Mukden line is adopted, but she objects altogether to any change in the route. This refers, we presume, to the straightening and grading of the line, the cutting off of corners by tunnelling, all of which are absolutely necessary if the line is to be of any commercial use. We expect, however, that in the negotiations about to be reopened that this point will not be adhered to by China, though we admit that it is an ominous fact that as recently as June 24th last she informed Japan that no broadening of the gauge could be permitted.

A more troublesome point refers to the policing of the railway. Both Russia and Japan have the right at present to station railway guards along the portion of the route of the Manchurian railway line which they respectively control. It was rendered absolutely necessary owing to the ravages of the Hungtze, ravages which China was absolutely unable to punish, much less put down. Now that the country has relapsed into a more normal condition and the depredations of the Hungtze are few and far between China is inordinately anxious that the railway guards should be abolished or at least replaced by Chinese soldiers. To this neither Japan nor Russia can consent so long as they retain possession of the main trunk line of the Manchurian railway and are responsible for the good and peaceful government of the railway zone. The objection holds good, of course, for the Antung railway also. It is a sore point with China, especially in these days, of the "rights recovery" mania, for the presence of the foreign railway guards indicates that she has temporarily lost the sovereignty of the region.

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police authority to quite an unresponsible length, for in her final statement she makes the unequivocal declaration that Japan is merely using the commercial aspects of the Antung-Mukden line as a pretext, her real motives being strategical, in other words, that she wishes to use the line for military purposes. Considering that Russia and Japan had agreed at Portsmouth to a treaty of peace which should run for ten years, and that France, England and America have entered into agreements with Japan to respect the integrity of China, we are somewhat reluctantly driven to accept the suggestion that another Power is speaking in this matter, using China as a mouthpiece—a willing mouthpiece at that, to all appearances. There were many people in the Far East who prophesied when the Portsmouth peace treaty was signed that we were but entering on a ten-year truce, and that at the end of that period Russia and Japan would be again at grips. We cannot say we endorse that view of the situation, at the same time it is certainly singular, all things considered, that China should be so obstinate in declaring that Japan's object in rebuilding the Antung-Mukden railway is really military not commercial. Her inspiration may have come from St. Petersburg, or it may not. At any rate, Russian diplomats are evidently perturbed at the turn of events and are said to be intervening both in Tokyo and in Peking, being animated by a laudable endeavour to find a peaceful solution. That their efforts will meet with a successful termination seems highly probable, if the telegrams printed last evening contain any indication of the real aspect of the present situation. Without them the Railway will remain as at present entirely useless for commercial purposes."

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On July 15 Colclough John Bower, the retired officer of the British Army, celebrated his 100th birthday. Colonel Bower began his military career in 1825.

Recollections of the old China tea clippers are revived by the tragic death at Wingham, Kent, on July 6th, of Captain H. W. Browne, formerly of the Challenger and latterly of the Wyo. Captain Browne, who was 72 years of age, was thrown out of the bed of his friend, Dr. Henry, and received such injuries to the head that death must have been almost instantaneous.

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## DIPLOMATIC MOVEMENTS.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, August 13.

It is said that Chang Ying-tung, will be appointed Chinese Minister to America, succeeding Wu Ting-fang, who will be recalled. Ng Chang-lin will be appointed Minister to Italy, in succession to Chin Shun. Both the new Ministers will receive the star of the 1st order, 3rd class.

## A CENSOR'S OPINION.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, August 13.

Chu Ting-chin, a censor, has memorialized the Throne that the appointment of Princes Shun and Yu-lung, and General Tsai Fu, second son of Prince Ching, to control the military department, is most improper and quite opposed to the system of constitutional government which China desires to set up.

## A TOUR OF ENQUIRY.

(Teh Te, Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, August 13.

Prince Shun will leave Peking within a fortnight to tour the coast provinces in search of naval stations.

## BANDMANN COMIC OPERA CO.

## "A Waltz Dream."

"A Waltz Dream," fanned as the rival of "The Merry Widow," was produced last night in the presence of a large and most appreciative audience. For those present who had previously witnessed the play elsewhere it was a time of the revival of happy memories, so well was the piece interpreted, while the occasion was equally delightful to patrons who were given their initial introduction to the popular comic opera. The Bandmann Merry Little Maids Co. had on a prior visit established for themselves an excellent reputation, but it is safe to aver that last night they excelled all previous performances. The beauty of charming girls, the admirable staging, the grace and ease displayed in the acting, and above all the enchanting music which accompanied the whole piece, combined to produce a feeling of satisfied delight among the auditors, who gave many evidences of their appreciation of the fare provided.

"A Waltz Dream" has often been described as the rival of "The Merry Widow." In many respects, though it trespasses on the idea which principally contributed to the success of the latter piece, it is greatly superior. The music, while equally attractive to the popular ear, is of a higher standard altogether, reminding one in its dainty phrasing, quaint and original part singing and its delightful orchestration, of the palmy days of comic opera. Lieutenant Niki, of the Austrian Army, has been chosen as the Prince Consort of the Princess Helena, only daughter of the King of Flauschthum, in order to continue the dynasty. On the night of the betrothal, disgusted with the trammels of court etiquette, he breaks out of the Palace, and has an adventure with the leader of a ladies' Vienna Band in the garden recesses. The Princess, in the third act, is led by him to the stage, still playing the waltz refrain on her violin.

One of the features of the evening was the delightful vocal work of the artistes, including as it did quartettes, trios, duets and solos. In this connection special mention is due of the efforts of Miss Mabel Gregory, who used a delightfully clear and flexible voice with great success, her notes on the upper register being unusually pure and strong. Her acting in the part of Princess Helena was, too, extremely effective. Mr A. L. Cowen and Mr G. V. Arnold were also in fine voice, and they quite took the house by storm when they introduced the waltz melody as a duet—a melody which was constantly recurring as the pieces proceeded, and which was quite "catching."

The work of the other artistes it needs only be stated that it was of a high-class order, though a special word of thanks to Mr. Frank Danby as the young old King Jerome. To-night's performance by the Merry Little Maids promises to be one of the best which they have put before the Hongkong public. The music is by Leslie Sturt and contains some of the finest work he has turned out since "Flondon," while Mr Bandmann's hit in the piece is shown by the fact that he selected it to open his new Empire Theatre, Calcutta. The principals are excellently suited in their parts. Mr Frank Danby and Mr A. F. Birtch play a pair of well contrasted sailor men, the one bright and merry, the other doleful and lugubrious, who somehow get involved in the doings of a comic opera hand of conspirators "The Red Liberator," Miss Mabel Gregory as Consuelo, the Cuban Girl, and Miss Rosie Fitzgerald as Letitia, have some beautiful music in the composers' best style, while Mr Fred Coyne, associated with the "Six Newsboys" was well up and dancing the Cupid, "Tulpan," and "Merry Little Maids" numbers which made such a phenomenal hit in the American production. The staging and dressing of the piece is said to be on the most elaborate scale that has been attempted in the East. Local players should certainly avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing "Hawaii" to-night.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council which was held this afternoon. There were also present:

Hon. CHARLES DANIEL, Officer commanding the Troops.

Hon. M. A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Sir HENRY BERKELEY, K.C., Acting Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. JONES, Acting Director of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. G. M. MASSON, Acting Colon. of Treasurers.

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Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon. Mr. MURRAY STRAWARD.

Mr. C. CLEMENT (Clerk of Councils).

MALICIOUS DAMAGE ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Ordinance, 1895.

Part I provides penalties in respect of malicious damage to Railways and Tramways. The Principal Ordinance was based on the Imperial Act 2 & 3 Vict. cap. 27 (the Malicious Injuries to Railways and Tramways Ordinance) 1888.

Part II.—The Preservation Ordinance 1888 makes provision for the levy of a special rate assessed upon villages by whose inhabitants there is sufficient reason to believe that trees have been destroyed. It has however proved unsatisfactory in practice for the following reasons:—(a) Villages in the New Territories are not assessed for rates and the special rate cannot accordingly be levied upon them until an assessment has been made. (b) By Order of the Governor-in-Council under the Rating Ordinance 1901, amounts below a rateable value of \$20 are not rateable.

The rate according to practice can be assessed only upon the few better class houses in a village, the majority of the inhabitants are provided with what will be damage to Crown property or land in the neighbourhood of a village, all persons who possess land in or near the village shall be liable to a fine.

The Bill was read a first time.

RATING ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

This Bill provides for the exemption from assessment for rates of villages and areas in the New Territories and elsewhere in the Colony.

The Bill was read a first time.

TRAMWAY ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

The object of the Bill is to supply an accidented omission from section 21 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, of the words "telegraph pole" etc., after the word "telegraphic" in the seventeenth line of the section; and to make further and better provision for the settlement of differences between the Tramway Company and any Government Department.

The Bill was read a first time.

LIQUOR LICENCES.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1908, and the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1904, and to renew the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

The primary object of this measure is to transfer from the Justices of the Peace to the Government the control of publicans' and adjutant licences. The existing system, whereby these licences are issued by the Justices, has been proved in practice to be cumbersome by reason of the lengthy procedure attendant under the Principal Ordinance upon the issue of a licence and to be more a matter of form than of utility by reason of the fact that the meetings are attended for the most only by the presiding Magistrate, the Captain Superintendent of Police and one other official Justice called in to make a quorum. The person most competent to judge of the merits of a candidate for a licence and of the suitability of a locality in which it is desired to open a licensed premises is the Captain Superintendent of Police, upon whom devolves the duty of ascertaining that the business of the licensed premises is carried on in a proper and orderly manner. It is proposed accordingly to give the Captain Superintendent of Police power to issue all publicans' and adjutant licences subject to the right of appeal on the part of an aggrieved party to the Governor-in-Council. The requirement of the Principal Ordinance that a licensee shall enter into a recognisance is repealed, any breach of the conditions under which a licence is held can be fully dealt with under Sections 33 and 39 of the Principal Ordinance. Section 3 of this Ordinance gives the Governor-in-Council power to make such regulations as may be fit, for the purpose of controlling the business carried on by the holder of a publican's or an adjutant-licence. Section 6 empowers the Governor-in-Council to regulate the standard of quality of all intoxicating liquors sold in the Colony. Under section 9, the Governor-in-Council is given power to transfer the duty of issuing publican's licences from the Colonial Secretary to other officers. It is proposed to place these duties entirely in the hands of the Captain Superintendent of Police who, by the nature of his office is best qualified to control the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The Bill was read a first time.

DOGS ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Dogs Ordinance, 1893.

The Ordinance makes provision whereby for lost dogs may be established and maintained under the care of the Captain Superintendent of Police subject to Regulation under the Dogs Ordinance, 1893.

The Bill was read a first time.

NEW BIRUAN GROUND.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Dogs Ordinance, 1893.

The Ordinance makes provision whereby for lost dogs may be established and maintained under the care of the Captain Superintendent of Police subject to Regulation under the Dogs Ordinance, 1893.

The Bill was read a first time.

COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCHES.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Committee of the Churches Ordinance, 1895.

The object of this Bill is to reserve a portion of what is popularly called the Colonial Cemetery for the burial of members of the Protestant community. A portion has already been set apart for the burial of members of the Roman Catholic Church, and other parts have been from time to time assigned to other Churches and Denominations.

The Bill was read a first time.

MINISTERIAL DUTIES.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to

relieve the Governor-in-Council of certain ministerial duties.

The purpose of this measure is to vest in the Governor-in-Council powers and which it is considered would be more advantageously exercised and performed by him alone than by the Governor-in-Council in whom they are now vested.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE PATENTS ORDINANCE.

Committee on 8th Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Patents Ordinance 1892.

Hon. Attorney General explained that the Chamber of Commerce had concurred in the amendments suggested by the Law Society; and with these incorporated Bill passed through Committee was a read a third time and passed.

The Bill was read a first time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held under the presidency of the Hon. Colonial Secretary when the following votes were considered and passed:

PUBLIC WORKS.

A sum of \$2,344 in aid of the Public Works Department, other charges, incidental expenses.

SANTARY DEPARTMENT.

A sum of \$2,600 in aid of the vote, Sanitary Department, other charges, canteen, incidental expenses.

SUPREME COURT.

A sum of \$85 in aid of the vote, Supreme Court, other charges, language study allowance.

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

A sum of \$2,130 in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, miscellaneous, Blaik Pier shelter.

HONGKONG SERVICE NOTES.

GARRISON BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

Gunner, Healey v. Gunner, McGregor.

These players met in the first game of the third round on Friday night. McGregor played well in the earlier stages, but Healey was not giving him any chances, and a run of safety play resulted in Healey's favour. Eventually Healey got the lead when the scores were at 140 and 138, and retaining it to the finish won 12 points. Healey's best break was 44, 12, 18 (2), and 17. McGregor's best was an 18 M. Hayes School master, v. C. Q. M. S. Stoneham, R.A.—The previous form of these players in this tournament attracted a large number of spectators to the Soldiers' Club on Monday night. General satisfaction was expressed at the display given by Stoneham, who rarely went to the table for a blank innings. Hayes, on the other hand, never seemed to be able to get the balls to his liking, and never at any part of the game looked like winning. Stoneham won with 135 points to spare, but the scores do not in any way indicate the difference between the two players; although at any time Stoneham would be too good for Hayes. Best break—Stoneham 29, 19, 16, 10 (3), and Hayes 14 and 12 (2).

C. S. M. Owen, R.G.A. v. Sergt. Winn, R.A.M.C.—In this game Dame Fortune certainly gave Winn the go-by, although it could not be said that Owen was lucky. Owen won with 62 points in hand with the scores 300, 238. Best break were 14 (2), 15 (2), and 17 (2).

Gunner, Elliott, R.A. v. Sapper, Heigh, R.E.—Heigh had no difficulty in qualifying for the Semi-Final, beating Elliott by 121 points. Best break for the winner, 22, 21, 20 (2), 19, and 17 (3); Elliott 20, 18 (2), and 17.

Semi-Final.

The first game in the semi-final will take place to-night at 8 p.m. when Stoneham v. Hayes. Both players have shown a good form and bar accidents a close finish is expected. Heigh and Owen will meet on Monday night.

R. E. JUNIOR BILLIARD HANDICAP.

This handicap is now in the final stages, and it is being arranged that all Semi-Finalists get a prize, keenly contested game was witnessed in the fourth round.

Winners to date are:—2nd Round—

Sapper Toomey beat Bugler Blakemore.

3rd Round.—Bugler Corke beat Bugler Croucher; Sapper Thomey beat Sapper Jordan; Sapper Chandler beat Sapper Ormond; Sapper Wilkinson beat Lance-Corporal Lamb. 4th Round.—Sapper Wilbher beat Sapper Harris; Sapper Jackson beat Sapper Toomey; Bugler Corke beat Bugler Parslow; Sapper Wilkinson beat Sapper Chandler.

FOOTBALL.

At a meeting of representatives of the Departmental Corps held on Wednesday night it was decided to form a Club to be known as the United Service Football Club, and to apply for admission to the Hongkong Football Association and League.

The Captain Superintendent of Police stated that the effect of this regulation of Table "M" of the Merchants Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899 is that, unless a steamship blows her whistle when in the waters of this Colony strictly for the purpose of regulation 15, 8 and 31 of the regulations for preventing collisions at sea, a nuisance is committed for which the Master can be fined.

We are, continue the letter, given to understand that it is the invariable practice of seamen, both in the waters of this Colony and in other crowded anchorages and possibly even in the open sea to give a warning on the whistle of a steamship's approach to small craft whose presence or course might constitute danger either to themselves or to the steamship. This signal appears to consist of one or more blasts of toots. The necessity for this warning is particularly apparent in this harbour where steamers, when coming up to their buoys or their wharves, have often to steer at such a speed as to preclude their being under full steerage way, rendering them often unable, owing to the crowded state of the Harbour and the inistence of the tides, to avoid small craft which otherwise they would be bound to steer clear of.

Under regulation 21, as at present framed, a steamship cannot adopt the customary method of warning small craft without being liable to conviction for a nuisance. On the assumption that the giving of these warning whistles is in accordance with the ordinary practice of seamen, Regulation 21 would also seem to be contrary to regulation 6 of Table "M" viz.—"All vessels irrespective of size shall, whether in a Fairway or not, observe the International Collision Regulation, and the vessel whistler and anchor in any of the Fairways; and to Regulation No. 29 for preventing collisions at sea." We would call the attention of your shipping members and of your Committee to the consideration of the above facts.

The Chamber replied that the Committee would be glad to know in what particular it was suggested the existing regulations should be amended in order that they should not interfere with the ordinary precautions considered to be desirable by Masters in the navigation of the Harbour.

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Captain S. H. BESON, will be despatched

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TUESDAY, the

## HONGKONG CHAMPIONSHIP LAWN BOWLS COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the above Committee was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

The following gentlemen were present: Messrs Russell and Patric (Kowloon), Mulver and Dawson (C.S.C.C.), Langtry (Police), Urquhart and Scott (Taikoo). The Representatives of the Cosmopolitan Club wrote expressing their sympathy with the meeting and regretting their unavoidable absence.

Mr Russell was elected president and Mr Dawson was elected Vice-Secretary and Treasurer. It was proposed by Mr Dawson, seconded by Mr Langtry, that a single Championship be held open to all comers. Carried.

With reference to the single champion-

ship the following rules were agreed upon:

That the competition should be played under the Scottish Bowling Association rules. Bowls No. 8 shall be made by a standard manufacturer to be used; competition to be played on neutral green; Kowloon, Civil Services and Police Club Greens to be used for play-

ing off. Ties to be drawn complete from

the stat. list to be posted in each Club.

Reference to be mutually agreed upon by

competing pairs. Delegates from each club

to send weekly returns to the secretary of

matches played on the ground of the club

they represent. Entrants too be \$2.00 to

be paid on nomination. First prize cup

to cost two-thirds of the amount received

in entrance fees. Second prize cup to

cost one-third of the amount received in

entrance fees. Incidental expenses to be

deducted from first and second

prizes. Competition to be 21 heads up to

the Secretary was instructed to advertise

four papers and send nomination lists to

all clubs concerned, nominations to close

on Sept. 4th, 6 p.m.

It was proposed by Mr Patric seconded

by Mr Mulver that a Bowling League be

established, subject to the sanction of the

Bowling Clubs. Carried. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the

Chair.

## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS IN COURT.

## A Mistress and her Amah!

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, Los Lun, a Chinese wash amah, sued Mrs. Nano Gray, of 33, Wyndham Street, for \$13.80, amount paid to be due for wages.

On the case being called, the Court Interpreter said defendant if she admitted owing the money.

Defendant—Well, yes, but she didn't work out her month.

His Lordship—Did she go away before her time?—Yes.

With your leave—No; I went away and she was to wash her month, but she left before I came back.

Do you want me to hear the case or are you willing to pay?—She has got to finish her month.

Plaintiff went into the box and said she entered defendant's employ on June 25th. On July 17th defendant went to Manil, promising to pay her wages when she returned. After about ten days defendant returned but she refused to pay witness her wages.

His Lordship—When defendant went to Manil did you remain in her house?—No, I did not. When she went away I went to my own house.

Defendant says she asked you to finish the month.—Well, I didn't go elsewhere. I waited for her to come back and when she came back I went to her. When she was leaving she told me she required my no longer.

Defendant gave evidence to the effect that when she was leaving for Manil plaintiff asked for her wages, but she told her she would give them to her until she had finished her month. She was to remain in my house and look after her clothes until her return. Witness came back on July 26th but plaintiff was not there. On Aug. 1st, however, she came to witness with a bill. Witness told her she would not pay it, as she should have worked up to July 26th.

His Lordship—Did you want to keep her on after July 26th?—Ye. That is why I did not dismiss her, because if I paid her her wages she would have gone away and not come back. I told her to wait until my return.

Plaintiff said when her mistress was packing up to Manil she asked for her wages, but her mistress shut the door in her face and said she would pay on her return.

His Lordship (to defendant)—I think there has been a misunderstanding. I should pay her wages.

Defendant—Well, she has got to finish her month. I am not paying her by the day. I am paying her by the month.

Are you willing to make her any payment at all?—Well, if anybody works for me I always pay them.

Give her \$10 then. It isn't the idea of paying it, it is the principle of the thing.

His Lordship (to the Court Interpreter)—Tell the amah she is in the wrong. She has no legal right to anything, and she cannot go away in the middle of a month.

(Defendant)—I think you had better give her \$10.

Defendant—Yes, I will, but I didn't intend to give her anything; she has acted so mean.

His Lordship (to the Court Interpreter)—Tell her she has no legal claim to anything, but her mistress out of kindness is going to give her \$10. I do not give payment for any amount.

Defendant then handed over the \$10 to plaintiff.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:

On the 13th at 12.06 p.m. The barometer has risen considerably over S. China and the depression lying over the Yangtze Valley yesterday having moved into the Yellow Sea.

The depression which has been almost stationary in the neighbourhood of the Loochooes for the past few days is filling up.

Pressures remain high over the S. part of the China Sea and the S. Philippines.

Fresh S.W. and W. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.20 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon

1. Hongkong and Neighbourhood: S. W. winds moderate, becoming more W. winds, fresh.

2. South coast of China between Hongkong and Taiwan: same as No. 1.

3. South coast of China between Hongkong and Malacca: same as No. 1.

4. Formosa Channel: S.W. and W. winds, fresh.



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